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SUBJECT: OMANI RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON IRANIAN
RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT NATANZ NUCLEAR FACILITY

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Classified By: Ambassador Gary A. Grappo for Reasons 1.4 (b, d)

(C) Pol/Econ Chief conveyed reftel points on April 8 to Mohammad al Hassan, Deputy Director of the Office of Political Affairs for Minister Responsible for Foreign Affairs Yousef bin Alawi, and underscored how attendance at a ceremony for the Natanz fuel enrichment plant would violate the spirit of recent UN Security Council resolutions directed against Iran. Hassan replied that the Foreign Ministry would take our request under advisement. He added, however, that maintaining cordial ties with Tehran was important to Oman, and that Omani officials used their good relations with their northern neighbor to advocate for moderation and cooperation with the international community.
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